

Keeping Your Competitive Advantage: the Next Step in Traceability

Traceability is the cornerstone for incident management while also demonstrating business benefits. A key pillar of an effective traceability system is premises registration. Ontario has been registering agri-food premises since 2008. Currently, there are over 39,000 parcels of land registered in the Provincial Premises Registry (PPR). In 2013, sub-premises registration was introduced to enhance the ability to trace locations on individual operations. This is beneficial for your traceability system as well as incident management and emergency response for industry.

What is a Sub-Premises?

A sub-premises is a designated area within a premises where animals or products are grown, kept, assembled, or disposed. When identifying sub-premises, they can be as specific as your operation requires. For example, a Sub-Premises ID would follow your PID number and be a producer-designated two digit number (ON 1234567-01) that defines a specific location like a section of land, a barn, the floor of a barn or a storage bin that is situated on your premises.

Why Should I Register my Sub-Premises?

Sub-premises registration allows you to identify and allocate a distinct number to the exact position of a physical feature of land or a distinct structure within that premises. Creating sub-premises identification numbers also helps to internally track products or animals more accurately.

How do I Register my Sub-Premises?

Registering your Sub-Premises is just as easy as registering your premises, be sure to have your Premises

ID (PID) available. Go to www.ontarioppr.ca or call Angus GeoSolutions Inc. (AGSI is the official Registrar of the Ontario PPR), at 1-855-697-7743 to register in English or French.

What do I Need to Register my Sub-Premises?

You will need to identify each of the sub-premises on your premises by creating a two-digit Sub-Premises ID, the sub-premises type, and a description of the sub-premises. You must be able to identify the location of the sub-premises using:

- GPS coordinates to represent the location of a physical feature (e.g., Barn, Gate). GPS coordinates are often available by using a cell phone application.
- Without GPS coordinates, you can supply a textual description of the location (e.g., Northwest field of the lot), and / or
- Supply a file with a sketch of the premises with the sub-premises features identified.
- You will also need to indicate which activities are occurring on your sub-premises.

How Will I be Notified of my new Sub-Premises IDs?

Once your premises and sub-premises information has been verified and validated, a Premises Certificate will be issued via email, fax or standard mail.

While voluntary, participating in the PPR can benefit your business' bottom line. Registering your premises and sub-premises is quick and easy to do. Go online or call today to get started.